

ABSTRACT

IP COMMUNICATION NETWORK WITH DIRECT SERVICE SELECTION EQUIPMENTS

An Internet Protocol communication network (N) comprises communication equipments (Tj, Sk) certain of which offer at least one service. Certain of the equipments (Tj) comprise management means (MG) which, when they receive a coded address containing address data representing the address of a service equipment (Sk) that offers a service and belongs to a portion of the network (N) that has no service selection means and service data representing the offered service, store the received address data in a memory (M) in corresponding relationship to the service data conjointly received. Accordingly, if one of the communication equipments (Tj) wishes to access a selected service, its management means (MG) determine in its memory (M) the address data representing the address of the service equipment (Sk) that offers the selected service, in order to set up a connection therewith.

(Figure 1)